



MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE

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Student Election Judges *as proposed by House Bill 327*

The following **39 states** allow high school students to serve as Election Judges:

Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Georgia, Hawaii, Idaho, Illinois, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, South Dakota, Tennessee, Utah, Vermont, West Virginia, Wisconsin, Wyoming

Proposed Qualifications

To qualify as a student election judge in Montana, the individual must:

- Be between 16-18 years old at the time of the election
- Be a U.S. citizen
- Be a resident of Montana and of the county in which they will serve
- Provide written consent from parent/guardian and school principal
- Successfully complete election judge training

Responsibilities

Student election judges would serve as part of a team of judges. Judges have varying degrees of authority, depending on their assigned job. Tasks may include:

- Opening and closing the polling place
- Setting up election equipment
- Signing in/providing assistance to voters
- Distributing ballots
- *A student election judge may not serve as the Chief Election Judge

Training

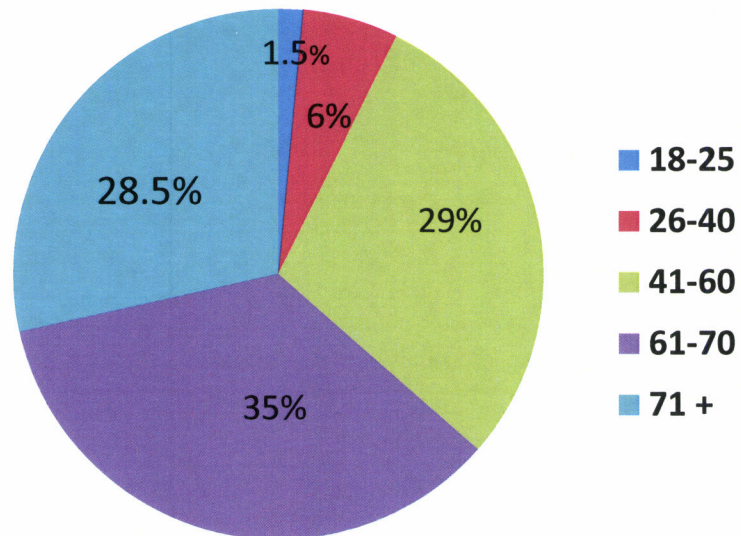
All new election judges must attend a hands-on training session conducted by the Election Administrator. Student election judges will be required to attend the same training. An election judge may not serve or receive compensation for their duties without an official "Certificate of Completion" of training as issued by the county election office pursuant to MCA 13-4-203(4).

School Attendance

Students who receive written permission from their parent/guardian and their school to serve as an election judge will not be counted absent from school on Election Day, pending authorization from the principal. Students who are homeschooled will need only written permission from their parent/guardian.

Visual references included on reverse side.

2012 General Election Judges by Age



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